

Amendments to the Specification:

Please delete paragraph [0002] from the specification.

Please replace paragraph [0023] with the following amended paragraph:

[0023] A tubular cap 72 extends around the mandrel 56 and has a plurality of internal splines 74a and 74b formed therein which are engaged with the external splines 62a and 62b, respectively, of the mandrel 56. Each of the splines 74a and 74b has at least one chamfer [[76]] (not shown) which is adapted to engage a corresponding chamfer 64 of the mandrel 56. The cap 72 further includes a radial surface 78 that is engaged with the shoulder 66 of the mandrel 56, and a pair of fluid ports 80a and 80b are formed in the cap 72 at a predetermined distance below the surface 78. An annular recess 82 is formed in the cap 72 at a predetermined distance below the fluid ports 80a and 80b, and receives an anti-torque ring 84, which is made of a conventional low-friction material. The cap 72 further includes an internal right hand straight thread connection 86.

Please replace paragraph [0030] with the following amended paragraph:

[0030] The expansion apparatus 30 includes an expansion cone portion 132 that engages the inner wall of the member 34. The shoe 32 of the expansion apparatus 30 is connected to the member 34 via a threaded connection 134 and a pair of radially-extending threaded fasteners 136a and 136b are disposed through the member 34 and into the shoe 32. The sub 28 and the expansion apparatus 30 are designed so that torque may be transmitted from the string 26 to the member 34 via the shoe 32. To this end, the expansion apparatus 30 may be in the form of one of several existing expansion apparatuses, such as, for example, the expansion apparatus disclosed in detail in co-pending PCT Application No. PCT/US04/06246~~U.S. utility patent application Ser. No. _____~~ (attorney's docket no. 25791.238.02), which claims the benefit of the filing date of U.S. provisional patent application Ser. No. 60/450,504, attorney docket no. 25791.238, filed on Feb. 26, 2003, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace paragraph [0040] with the following amended paragraph:

[0040] Once the cap 72 is disengaged from the casing adapter 88 in the above manner as shown in FIG. 3a, the string 16 is raised further, thereby raising the coupling 37, the mandrel extension 46, the mandrel 56, the cap 72 (via the shoulder 66 of the mandrel 56) and the string 22. As the string 22 is raised, the tubular members 92 and 102 are also raised until the protrusions 108a and 108b of the member 102 engage the channels 118a and 118b of the member 112, as shown in FIG. 3b. This places the components in condition for an expansion procedure in which the expansion apparatus 30 expands the tubular member 34. In this context, one of several existing expansion procedures may be employed to expand the member 34 such as, for example, the methods disclosed in detail in co-pending PCT Application No. PCT/US04/06246~~U.S. utility patent application Ser. No. _____~~ (attorney's docket no. 25791.238.02), which claims the benefit of the filing date of U.S. provisional patent application Ser. No. 60/450,504, attorney docket no. 25791.238, filed on Feb. 26, 2003, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace paragraph [0041] with the following amended paragraph:

[0041] It is understood that the above-mentioned right hand torque can be applied to the string 16 to rotate the shoe 32 and the member 34 for reasons other than those discussed above. For example, before the cap 72 is disengaged from the adapter 88, and therefore the member 34 in the above manner, it is sometimes desired to introduce a hardenable fluidic sealing material into at least a lower region of the annulus 36 between the member 34 and the wall of the well bore 10. To this end, the sealing material would be introduced from the rig 18 into the string 16 and pass through the tool 20, the string 22, the slip joint 24, the string 26 and the expansion apparatus 30 and flow into at least a lower region of the annulus 36 between the member 34 and the wall of the well bore 10. In this situation, the application of right hand torque in the above manner to rotate the member 34 would more evenly distribute the sealing material in the lower region of the annulus 36. In this context, examples of methods for employing the sealing material in the above manner are disclosed in detail in co-pending PCT Application No. PCT/US04/06246~~U.S. utility~~

~~patent application~~ Ser. No. _____ (attorney's docket no. 25791.238.02), which claims the benefit of the filing date of U.S. provisional patent application Ser. No. 60/450,504, attorney docket no. 25791.238, filed on Feb. 26, 2003, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference. Also, it is understood that the above-mentioned right hand torque can be applied in known casing drilling applications.